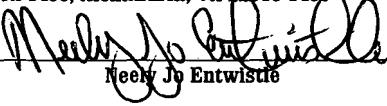


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For: **VOLTAGE TOLERANT CIRCUIT FOR PROTECTING AN INPUT BUFFER**

**Application Elements:**

- 21 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 07 Sheets of Drawings (Informal)
- 02 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - Copies of IDS Citations
- Return Receipt Postcard
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- Other:

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Request for Small Entity Status

Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

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